

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1 - 16 are currently pending. Claims 1 - 2, 6, and 14 have been amended and claims 15 and 16 have been added. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) An input device comprising:
a body of said device;
electronic circuitry mounted in said body;
a top housing mounted over said body; and
a free extending button integrally formed with said top housing;
said extending button being depressible separately with respect to a remainder of
said top housing;
said top housing providing a cantilevered mounting of said extending button to
said body of said device.
 2. (Currently Amended) The input device of claim 1 wherein the top housing and
extending ~~portion~~ button are metal.
 3. (Original) The input device of claim 1 further comprising an island mounted
on said body adjacent said extending button, said island having a lip extending over an edge of
said extending button so that a gap between said extending button and said island is not visible
from above.
 4. (Original) The input device of claim 3 further comprising a second extending
button, said second extending button extending underneath a second lip on a side of said island
opposite said first mentioned extending button.
 5. (Original) The device of claim 3 further comprising a roller extending through
a slot in said island.
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6. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 5 further comprising:
a cantilevered arm supporting the roller ~~and attached to an inside surface of the top housing behind the roller~~, wherein the cantilevered arm provides a spring force to bias roller upward through the slot, eliminating the need for a return spring.

7. (Original) The input device of claim 1 wherein said top housing curves around a back of said device and attaches to said back of said device.

8. (Original) The input device of claim 5 further comprising a resilient bumper mounted between said top housing and said body where said top housing curves around said back of said device.

9. (Original) The input device of claim 1 further comprising:
a non-metallic interior housing mounted beneath said top housing between said top housing and electronic circuitry inside said device;
wherein said top housing is metal, and said interior housing isolates said metal from said electronic circuitry.

10. (Original) The input device of claim 1 wherein said top housing and extended button have a single hinge point more than halfway toward the back of said device, such that said top housing and extended button can flex on either side of said hinge point.

11. (Original) The input device of claim 1 wherein said device is a mouse.

12. (Original) A mouse comprising:
a body of said mouse;
electronic circuitry mounted in said body;
a top metal housing mounted over said body;
first and second free extending metal buttons integrally formed with said metal top housing;

said extending buttons being depressible separately with respect to a remainder of said top housing;

said top housing providing a cantilevered mounting of said extending buttons to said body of said device;

an island mounted on said body between said extending buttons, said island having lips extending over edges of said extending buttons so that a gap between said extending buttons and said island is not visible from above.

13. (Original) The mouse of claim 12 further comprising a roller extending through a slot in said island.

14. (Currently Amended) The mouse of claim 12 further comprising:
a cantilevered arm supporting the roller ~~and attached to an inside surface of the top housing behind the roller~~, wherein the cantilevered arm provides a spring force to bias roller upward through the slot, eliminating the need for a return spring.

15. (New) The mouse of claim 12 further comprising:
a top interior housing mounted below the top housing, wherein the cantilevered arm is attached to an inside surface of the top interior housing behind the roller.

16. (New) The input device of claim 6 further comprising:
a top interior housing mounted below the top housing, wherein the cantilevered arm is attached to an inside surface of the top interior housing behind the roller.